

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Laerz Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 19 June 1951, Laerz airfield was occupied by a total of 37 swept-back jet fighters, of which 10 were on the western end of the runway, 12 in the southwestern corner of the field, 11 on the southern edge of the field, and 4 in the southeastern corner of the field. Two biplanes, three single-engine aircraft, and twin-engine transports were parked on the southern edge of the field. \* All of the planes were covered with tarpaulins except for the four jet fighters in the southeastern corner. There was no flying although the weather was good. In addition to the antenna mast, about 12 meters high which was previously seen near the radio installation 600 meters east of the east end of the runway, another antenna mast of the same height was observed.\*\*

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2. On 3 July, 20 single-jet fighters packed in crates, EM, officers and dependents left the field for an undetermined destination.\*\*\*

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\* Comment. According to previous observations, the airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments.

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\*\* Comment. The radio installation is a landing beacon, The purpose of a second radio mast is not known.

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Comment. No other reported on the transfer of an air force unit.

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